



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

September 25, 2000

S. 1653 **National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act** **Amendments of 2000**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on September 20, 2000

SUMMARY

S. 1653 would authorize the appropriation of \$25 million for each of fiscal years 2001 and 2002 for making payments to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF). The payments would be made by the Department of the Interior and the Department of Commerce, and would be available to the foundation to match contributions received from private, state, and local organizations to carry out various wildlife programs. Other provisions of the act, which would amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act, would have no impact on federal spending. Many of its provisions would clarify existing laws regarding the foundation's investment and use of funds.

The legislation would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 1653 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that federal agencies would make payments totaling \$25 million to the NFWF in fiscal year 2001 and 2002. The amounts that would be authorized to be appropriated for payment to the NFWF under S. 1653 are the same as the previous annual authorization (which expired at the end of fiscal year 1998) and \$18 million higher than the amount appropriated for payments to the NFWF for 2000. The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1653 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Spending Under Current Law						
Budget Authority ^a	7	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	7	0	0	0	0	0
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	0	25	25	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	0	25	25	0	0	0
Spending Under S. 1653						
Authorization Level	7	25	25	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	7	25	25	0	0	0

a. The 2000 level is the amount appropriated for that year for payments to the NFWF.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 1653 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE

On February 24, 2000, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 1653, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act Amendments of 1999, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works on February 9, 2000. The House version of S. 1653 would authorize annual appropriations of \$15 million less than the Senate version, and would authorize such payments for two rather than five years. These differences are reflected in the CBO estimates.

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